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Police produces Challan against terrorist **U** associate, 2 killed terrorists

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## **IIPA to focus on Cyber Security** in governance: Dr Jitendra

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## J&K Police, traders join hand in fight against drugs; holds awareness march

# AC approves 'J&K Sports Cadre', creation of 235 Gazetted, Non- Gazetted posts

Gives nod to implementation of second NJPC in favour of Judicial Officers



LG Manoj Sinha chairing Administrative Council meeting at Srinagar on Friday.

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Administrative Council (AC), which met here, under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, gave nod for creation of "Jammu and Kashmir Sports cadre" under the administrative control of Youth Service and Sports Department, along with the creation of 235 posts to be

utilized for appointment of outstanding sports persons. which include 10 Gazetted posts.

Bhatnagar, Rajeev Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, J&K and Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, attended the meet-

With this decision, the process for appointment of outstanding sportspersons will commence, which has been entangled in various legal and procedural issues for the past few years. The new rules have been formulated with the view to motivate the young people for sports activities and also to encourage the outstanding at the national and international level across different sports categories is a testament of the efforts of the government to rejuvenate sports activities in the Union Territory.

The government endeavors to make these appointments a yearly affair so as to provide an enabling environment for promotion of sports in J&K. Besides, the appointofoutstanding ment sportspersons as mentors would give a major fillip to the training & development process of youth and increase their participation in local, national, and worldwide competitions.

In yet another decide ion, the Administrative Council also approved the implementation of the Second National Judicial Pay Commission in favor of Judicial Officers.

#### Terror module unearthed in Uri; 2 LeT associates arrested ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Lashkar-e Taiba (LeT) terror module has been unearthed in Baramulla district, with the arrest of two terrorist associates and recovery of arms and ammunition from them, police said on Friday.

The two terrorist associates of LeT outfit have been arrested in Uri area of Baramulla, Kashmir, a police

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## **Govt relieves Sheema Qasba for induction as Assistant Director IB STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: The government on Friday relieved Sheema Nabi Qasba (IPS) for her induction as Assistant Director (SP Level), in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) on deputation basis for five years.

"Consequent upon the approval of the Competent Authority for induction of Sheema Nabi Qasba,

## LG calls for popularizing traditional medicine system as mainline treatment for lifestyle diseases, preventive care

Air surcharge 50 paisa for Leh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday called upon the Ayurveda stakeholders and policymakers to work together to popularize this traditional medicine system as the mainline of treatment for lifestyle diseases, preventive care and to boost the immune system.

"I am hopeful this platform of Ayurveda Parv will also draw a roadmap to further strengthen the health architecture of Jammu Kashmir and provide valuable suggestions for more resilient, equitable, sustainable and inclusive health system for wellbeing of all our citizens," the Lt Governor said at a function after inaugurating the three-day Ayurveda Parv, organized by Akhil Bhartiva Ayurveda Mahasammelan Trust, Ministry of AYUSH & Directorate of AYUSH-J&K, at Dental College Srinagar.

He appreciated the endeav-



Ayurveda Parv in Srinagar on Friday.

or to promote holistic principles and best practices of Avurveda in J&K and the country.

It will sensitize the people about the strength and potential of Avurveda for healthy living and extend the benefits of Ayurveda to society, he

"Ayurveda has gained global popularity and today the entire world is adopting Ayurveda techniques to meet the changing health care needs of people, for well-being of the body, mind and spirit

and management of various diseases," the Lt Governor said.

He shared the key initiatives of the government to promote preventive and holistic care in Jammu Kashmir. He said the Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital in Akhnoor; Unani Medical College and Hospital in Ganderbal; AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers across J&K, the upcoming Homeopathic College

Hospital in Kathua and ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

## CBI arrests Revenue Inspector JCB for accepting bribe of Rs 1 lakh

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Revenue Inspector, Jammu Cantonment Board for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs. One lakh from the complainant.

A case was registered on a complaint alleging that the accused Revenue Inspector Ashok Kumar was demanding bribe of Rs. 2 lakhs. It was further alleged that the complainant was residing in a residential quarter inside Jammu Cantonment since 1991. An eviction order was issued by the Jammu Cantonment Board to the

## Journalist Majid Hyderi held for 'criminal conspiracy', 'extortion'

STATE TIMÉS NEWS SRINAGAR: A journalist

has been arrested here on the charges of criminal conspiracy and extortion, police said Majid Hyderi, a resident of

the city's Peerbagh area, was arrested after police lodged a case against him following orders from a court, they said. FIR number 88/2023 under sections 120B, 177, 386 and 500 of the

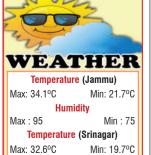
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#### 2 inter-state drug smugglers arrested in Samba, heroin worth Rs 28 lakh seized **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Two inter-state narcotics smugglers were arrested in Samba district on Friday and heroin worth Rs 28 lakh was recovered from them, police said.

On a tip-off, a police team in Vijaypur area arrested Sourab Deep Singh and Karan Singh from Amritsar while they were on their way to Samba from Punjab, they

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Sunset: 18:33 Hours

Sunrise: 06:08 Hours

Max: 80

complainant's mother on August 23, 2023. It was also alleged that the accused demanded a bribe of Rs. two lakh from the complainant, for not evicting the occupant from the residential quarter and for making allotment entry in the name of his mother in the records.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused Revenue Inspector Ashok Kumar while accepting bribe of Rs. 1 lakh from the complainant. Searches were conducted at the premises of the accused which led to recovery of cash of Rs.6.50 lakh (approx) and

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Supreme

DELHI:

trashed the allegation that it

does not hear ordinary citi-

zens, saying it has been hear-

ing the "voice of the nation"

and individuals from

Kashmir on the issue of

It was reacting to lawyer

Mathews Nedumpara's email

to the top court in which he

claimed the apex court has

been hearing only constitu-

tion bench matters, which

have no public interest

involved, and not the cases of

ordinary citizens.

abrogation of Article 370.

Court Friday

sportspersons. Recognition

The implementation of

## PIL on retention of ministerial bungalows by ex-ministers/legislators DB seeks details of 48 politicians having personal

# accommodation in Jammu, Srinagar

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: In a significant order of far reaching public importance, a Division Bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Rajesh Sekhri has directed the petitioner's counsel Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed and Senior AAG S.S. Nanda appearing for the Estates Department, Government of J&K to furnish a list of those persons who possess houses in Jammu or in Kashmir as

citizens, says it heard voice of nation on Art 370

want to join issue with you

but secretary general has

informed me of the email you

have written to the Supreme

Court in which you have said

that the Supreme Court

should not hear constitution

bench matters and hear only

non-constitution bench mat-

ters," said the bench headed

by Chief Justice D Y

Nedumpara accepted he

had written the email to the

apex court and said by non-

constitution bench matters he meant "cases of ordinary

The CJI, while emphasis-

Forces use drones, fire mortar shells

as Anantnag operation enters Day 3

Chandrachud.

"Mr. Nedumpara, I don't ing on the importance of con-

mentioned in the Annexure-R1 to the status report filed on March 28, 2023 within the meaning of Regulation 5 of J&K Estates Department (Allotment of Accommodation) Regulations, 2004. Needless to mention herein that the Estates Department in its status report dated March 28, 2023 had given a list of 48 Politicians who were allowed to Government

Accommodation/ Ministerial Bungalows in Jammu and Srinagar Cities (23 in SC trashes allegation of not hearing ordinary

stitution bench matters said.

"I just wanted to tell you that

you don't seem to know what

constitution bench matters

are and you seem to be igno-

rant of the importance of

constitution bench matters

which often involve interpre-

tation of the Constitution,

which forms the foundation

of the legal framework in

He said, "You may think of

Article 370 that issue is not

relevant. I don't think this is

what the government or the

petitioners in that case feel.

In the Article 370 matter, we

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heard groups of

India.

Jammu) and (25 in Srinagar).

These directions were passed in the much publi- $\operatorname{Public}$ Litigation (PIL) highlighting unauthorized retention of Ministerial Bungalows/A-Type Kothies/Flats/Quarters at Jammu/Srinagar by Ex-Ministers/Ex-MLAs/Ex-MLCs and the PIL further seeks appropriate directions to the Estates Department to ensure the eviction of the illegal occupants from the Government accommodation in view of the dissolution of

#### Udhampur railway station renamed after martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Udhampur railway station in Jammu and Kashmir has been renamed after martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, officials said on Friday.

Captain Tushar Mahajan, an officer of the 9 Para of special forces of army attained martyrdom after killing a terrorist while protecting his fellow Army personnel in a terror attack on the JKEDI building in Pulwama district in South Kashmir in February 2016.

The station was renamed the Lieutenant Governor's office

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## Modi to launch 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme on Sunday STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch a new scheme "PM Vishwakarma" to help artisans and craftsmen and those engaged in traditional skills on the occasion of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti' on September 17.

been Modi's sustained focus to give support to people engaged in traditional crafts not only financially but also to keep the age-old tradition, culture and diverse heritage alive and flourishing through local products, art and scheme,

announced by Modi on Independence Day, will be fully funded by the Union government with an

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the then State Assembly in June, 2018.

When this PIL came up for hearing, Advocate Sheikh Ahmed Advocates Rahul Raina, Supriva Chouhan, M. Zulkarnain Chowdhary and Syed Majid Shah appearing for the petitioner drew the attention of the Division Bench towards Rule 5 of Estates Regulations, 2004 wherein it has been provided that certain category of persons are not eligible for allotment of residential

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## Jammu-Rajouri highway, traffic diverted STATE TIMES NEWS way at Rajal Top in

Flash floods wash away culvert on

RAJOURI: Flash floods triggered by heavy rains washed away a culvert on the Jammu-Rajouri highway, prompting authorities to divert traffic, officials said on Friday.

A temporary culvert on the highway at Rajal Top area in Nowshera was washed away due to heavy rains late Thursday night, they said. Due to this, scores of vehi-

cles were stranded on the highway since this morning, they said.

The work on the construction of a bridge on the high-

Nowshera was going on for the past one month and a temporary culvert was built to facilitate the movement of vehicles, they said.

Divisional traffic inspec tor Ajaz Mirza said movement of vehicles has been diverted with heavy vehicles as well as passenger vehicles diverted from Siot towards Kalakote-Rajouri, while private and light motor vehicles are diverted from Nowshera bridge to Beri Pattan Sunderbani road.

He said efforts to restore

## Rs 500- Rs 700 Cr Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scam in J&K: Court directs ACB to file Status Report

**STATE TIMES NEWS** JAMMU: In a significant

order, the Court of Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption), Jammu O.P. Bhagat today directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Jammu to submit the latest status of the complaint dated October 10, 2022 lodged by Advocate Sheikh Shakeel Ahmed originally to Director, CBI seeking registration of FIR into Rs 500-700 crores scam in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Scheme in the Union Territory of J&K which later came to be transferred by

CBI on April 19, 2023 to the Director, Anti-Corruption J&K. Bureau, Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption) Jammu has directed the ACB to submit the status report by or before September 26, 2023.

After hearing Advocate S.S. Ahmed in-person the Additional Sessions Judge (Anti-Corruption), Jammu O.P. Bhagat observed that this application has been received in this Court having been transferred by Special Judge Anti-Corruption, Jammu and perused the application as well as the Annexures annexed with the

file and keeping in view the contents of the application as well as Annexures annexed with the same, the application is allowed and ACB Jammu is directed to file the status report by or before the next date of hearing i.e. September 26, 2023.

In the application filed by Advocate S.S. Ahmed, it has been submitted that after getting RTI information from the State Health Agency (SHA) and Health and Medical Education Department of the Government of J&K, it has been prima facie

# J&K Bank presents dividend cheques to LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Initiating the payment of dividend to share-holders of J&K Bank after seven years, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash on Friday presented two cheques worth Rs 28.57 Cr and Rs 1.84 Cr to J&K Government, its promoter and major share-holder.

MD & CEO handed over the dividend cheques for the FY 2022-23 to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in presence of Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta; Principal Secretary Finance, Santosh D Vaidya; Principal Secretary to Lt Governor, Dr M K Bhandari and Bank's General Manager Government Business, Syed Rais Maqbool.

Pertinently, the Bank approved 50% dividend for the financial year 2022-23 at



J&K Bank MD & CEO Baldev Prakash handing over dividend cheques for the FY 2022-23 to LG Manoj Sinha.

its 85th AGM. While lauding J&K Bank for its recent performance on the occasion, the Lt Governor Manoj Sinha also appreciated the Bank for its major contribution in the financial empowerment of people besides the critical role in the economic development of Jammu and

Kashmir. He further said,

"J&K Bank has performed

well during the last financial year, and we expect it to continue its growth while extending the best banking services and empowering people financially in the

Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta commended the Bank for its role towards saturation of self-employment in J&K.

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STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Drones have been pressed into service to pinpoint the location of the terrorists who have taken positions in the forest area on a hilly terrain in Anantnag district, officials said as the operation to flush out the ultras entered the third day on Friday.

The terrorists killed four security personnel Wednesday. "The forces fired mortar shells on the terrain where they believe the terror-

Drones and mortar being used during anti-terror operation at Kokernag.

ists are hiding, based on drone surveillance," the officials said. The security forces have maintained a tight cordon in the area, they added. Colonel Manpreet Singh, commanding

officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles unit of the Army, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were martyred in an encounter with the terrorists at Gadole in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district Wednesday morning

A statement said it has